Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are all those classes of girls allowed to use the well there?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes, that is my information.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Do the Government consider that the ladies in Cranganur are more advanced than the boys in social matters?

Deputy President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question is this. Because there are two wells in the Boys' High School in Cranganur, have the Government come to know that girls in Cranganur are more advanced in social matters than the boys?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No. I can only say it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—From the facts we find that one well existed in the Boys' High School. There was no necessity for a second well if this was not so.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The digging of a second well in the Boys' High School is only accidental. It is not because the girls are more advanced. I can only make a general statement in this connection that the women are generally more advanced than men.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is it the case with Cranganur also?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—(7). Were the two wells in the Cranganur Boys' High School constructed on the recommendation of the Headmaster?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Has the Head of the Department nothing to do with that?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Whenever anything is done the Headmaster's opinion is usually taken, but whether in this particular instance the Headmaster's opinion was taken or not, I have no information.

Complaint—Trippunittura Hospital.

312. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) have the Government or the Medical Department received recently a complaint against the Doctor in charge of the Hospital, Trippunittura, in connection with a maternity case in the Hospital;

(2) what were the allegations in the complaint;

(3) did the Chief Medical Officer conduct any enquiry on the complaint;

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(4) did he take any statement from the patient; what was her statement;

(5) did the patient and a child die in the Hospital.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes; a telegram was received which ran as follows:—

"Chief Medical Officer, Ernakulam. Pregnant female maltreated in Trippunittura Hospital. Precarious situation—requests immediate personal examination.

Thadattil Narayanan."

(2) Please see answer to (1) above.

(3) Yes.

(4) When questioned about her grievances in the absence of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon she stated that she was badly treated by him, but when the question was repeated in the presence of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon she did not reply at all. Her brother stated that she was badly treated, but he was not able to substantiate his statement when cross-examined in the presence of others in the ward. No written statement was taken.

(5) Neither the patient nor her child died in the Trippunittura Hospital.

Plans and estimates—College Buildings—Anappara.

313. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer did not prepare plans and estimates for the main College buildings at Anappara and submit them to Government even in 1931;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what action they took to bring home to the Chief Engineer the seriousness of his dilly dally way with an important matter;

(c) if no action was taken, will the Government please say whether it was an international, national, racial, social, departmental or personal consideration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

The decision to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram was arrived at by the Government only in 1929. This decision was reconsidered in the light of the Legislative Council discussions on the question in 1930. Hence estimates were not prepared.

(b) There was no negligence or delay on the part of the Chief Engineer.

(c) The question does not arise in view of the answers to (a) and (b).

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